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For: DETERGENT COSMETIC COMPOSITIONS AND USE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks. The period for reply has been extended one month to March 20, 2003, by the Petition for Extension of Time and the fee of \$110 filed herewith.

AMENDMENT

I. IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby expressly preserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of Claim 18 in separate application(s) without prejudice.

Please replace current Claims 17 and 35 with the amended versions found below. Marked-up versions of Claim 17 and 35 showing the current changes are included in attached Appendix A.

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